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DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

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Dr. J. Lederberg
Department of Genetics
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Mr. Norton Zinder has requested that I write to you in connection with his application for a position in genetics at the University of Wisconsin.

Zinder took organic chemistry with me in the college, the winter term of 1945 and received a grade of "B". He was characterized by his laboratory instructor as being a student of considerably above average intelligence and enthusiasm for chemistry. His work in the lab was excellent and he worked rapidly. I know Zinder personally quite well from my experience with him in connection with his application to the medical school. He received a very good recommendation from the college committee and in my opinion should have been successful with his application. However, each year we have a few very well qualified men who do not make the grade for one reason or another. The only reason I can attribute for Zinder's failure is the fact that he graduated from college at a very tender age (18, I believe). He is definitely above average in personal attributes, initiative and interest.

I hope you will find it possible to give Zinder's application the consideration it merits.

Sincerely yours,

Charles R. Dawson

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